

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
Town of Westhampton



FOR THE  
Year Ending December 31  
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# Town Clerk's Report

1942

## BIRTHS

1	March	24	Myrick, Ruth Ann ✓
2	August	19	Hickey, James Gareth ✓
3	August	31	Messick, Barbara Jane ✓
4	December	12	Gett, Edgar Wesley ✓

## DEATHS

1	March	28	Harris, Emma Morris			
			Heart disease	80	4	9
2	April	30	Kearney, Alice Rose			
			Accidental drowning	15	5	20
3	May	19	Parsons, Mahlon Kingsley			
			Suicide	78	1	21
4	July	13	Lyman, William H.			
			Cerebral thrombosis	75	—	—
5	October	5	Benson, Victor L.			
			Fractured skull	46	—	—
6	December	5	Hay, Charles G.			
			Total dismemberment	21	3	—
7	December	15	Gett, Edgar Wesley			
			Premature baby	—	—	3

1942

# MARRIAGES

1 June	6	Donald Orin Pickering	Easthampton
		Ella Gertrude Stickney	Easthampton
2 June	27	Alfred Hayward	Easthampton
		Pearl Evelyn Randall	Westhampton
3 August	8	Robert Arthur Church	Westhampton
		Sadie Gontowski	Easthampton
4 August	30	Myron Miller Clapp, Jr.	Westhampton
		Esther Barbara Strong	Northampton
5 October	3	Alfred C. Blakesley	Westhampton
		Iris S. Pope	Easthampton
6 October	12	Thomas A. Durisko	Thompsonville, Conn.
		Myrtle Olive Snow	Westhampton
7 November	28	Orville Jewett Flint	Westhampton
		Pearl D. Searle	Westhampton

## DOG ACCOUNT

Dr.

June 1, 1942

30 male dogs	at \$2.00	\$60.00
1 female	at \$5.00	5.00
11 spayed female	at \$2.00	22.00
		————— \$87.00

Cr.

To County Treasurer	\$78.60
To Town Clerk, 42 fees	8.40
	————— \$87.00

Dr.

December 1, 1942

17 male dogs	at \$2.00	\$34.00
2 female dogs	at \$5.00	10.00
3 spayed female	at \$2.00	6.00
		————— \$50.00



Cr.

To County Treasurer	\$45.60
To Town Clerk, 22 fees	4.40
	<hr/> \$50.00

## FISH AND GAME LICENSES

Dr.

23 Resident citizen fishing licenses	at \$2.00	\$ 46.00
39 Resident citizen hunting licenses	at \$2.00	78.00
15 Resident citizen sporting licenses	at \$3.25	48.75
14 Resident minor and female fishing	at \$1.25	17.50
1 Minor trapping license	at \$2.25	2.25
1 Resident citizen trapping license	at \$5.25	5.25
5 Sporting and trapping		free
1 duplicate	.50	.50
		<hr/> \$198.25

Cr.

To Division of Fisheries and Game	\$175.00
To Town Clerk, 93 fees at 25c	23.25
	<hr/> \$198.25

CHARLES M. NORRIS,  
Town Clerk.

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Westhampton, Mass., December 31, 1942.

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them correct.

EDWARD A. MONTAGUE,  
Auditor

REPORT OF THE  
**Town Treasurer**

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RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1942 \$19,664.57

Taxes, 1942

Real Estate	5,720.29
Personal	2,393.94
Polls	204.00
Excise	805.24

1941

Real Estate	2,042.34
Personal	99.96

1940

Real Estate	109.80
Interest, 1942	2.70
1941	49.46
1940	8.84

Demands	3.15
Warrant	.50

Massachusetts Highway Commission

Chapter 81	6,607.69
Chapter 90, maintenance	778.13
Chapter 90	1,140.00
Chapter 420, Acts of 1941	3,011.59
Egypt Hill Bridge	1,062.48

Hampshire County

Chapter 90, maintenance	778.13
Chapter 90	570.00
Egypt Hill Bridge	531.25
Dog Refund	88.59
Wild cat bounty	10.00



Interest from trust funds	
Cemetery	22.10
Thayer	20.10
Wright	20.10
Totman	50.00
Whiting Street	27.74
Old Age Assistance	
U. S. grant	2,813.71
Administration	88.23
State	1,960.05
Chap. 64B, Acts of 1941	34.63
Town of Monson	35.17
Massachusetts Income tax, 1942	1,790.00
Corporation tax, 1942	
Business	285.28
Public Service	30.07
Mass. School fund, Part II, chap. 70	2,448.89
Vocational school fund	1,050.21
High School tuition	1,719.60
High School transportation	1,272.07
Superintendent in small towns	124.20
Town Clerk, dog licenses for 1942	124.20
Highway Department, road machinery account	1,240.05
Emma T. Damon cemetery fund	100.00
Support of indigent persons	156.00
Live stock disease control	7.50
George A. Pease, refund liability ins.	25.21
Firearms permits	4.00
Victuallers license	1.00
Milk peddlers license	.50
Sale of surplus material	18.00
Rent of Town Hall	2.25
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	\$61,153.51

## EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$27,533.11	
Paid School Committee orders	12,349.34	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1943	21,271.06	
	<hr/>	\$61,153.51

## OUTSTANDING TAXES

1942 Real Estate	\$ 1,327.97	
Personal	254.42	
1941 Real Estate	236.04	
1942 Excise	48.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,866.43

## ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1942	\$ 854.27	
Income	1,240.05	
Expense	796.80	
Balance January 1, 1943	<hr/>	\$ 1,297.52

## FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN

### Interest drawn in 1942

#### Cemetery

\$2,000.00 Lucy Langdon Totman	\$50.00
500.00 O. C. Bridgman	10.05
100.00 M. G. Brown	2.01
100.00 George Burt	2.01
100.00 Sarah Cook	2.01
100.00 Samuel Edwards	2.01
100.00 Arthur Searle	2.01
50.00 D. L. Brown	1.00
50.00 C. N. Loud	1.00

Worthy Poor

\$1,380.85 Whiting Street	\$27.74
1,000.00 Wright	20.10
1,000.00 Thayer, 1/2 to town, 1/2 to parish	20.10

GILBERT I. FLINT,

Treasurer.

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Westhampton, Mass., December 31, 1942.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of thirty-nine thousand eight hundred eighty-two dollars and forty-five cents (\$39,882.45), for which vouchers are on file, and a balance on hand of twenty-one thousand two hundred seventy-one dollars and six cents (\$21,271.06). Due from Ralph S. Bridgman, collector, 1942 personal tax, two hundred fifty-four dollars and forty-two cents (\$254.42), real estate tax, one thousand three hundred twenty-seven dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$1,327.97), 1941 real estate tax, two hundred thirty-six dollars and four cents (\$236.04), and 1942 excise tax, forty-eight dollars (\$48.00).

EDWARD A. MONTAGUE,

Auditor.

REPORT OF THE  
**Board of Selectmen**

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TOWN OFFICERS

W. M. Fiske, selectman	\$ 65.00
W. M. Fiske, expense attending state meeting	4.88
W. M. Fiske, telephone	1.16
F. W. Blakesley, selectman	64.00
F. W. Blakesley, expense attending state meeting	13.78
F. W. Blakesley, telephone and postage	13.00
C. R. Burt, selectman	69.00
F. W. Blakesley, registrar	12.00
C. R. Burt, assessor	44.00
Richard Tracy, assessor	46.60
J. C. Hathaway, assessor	45.41
Evelyn Tracy, school committee	4.16
Louise Parsons, school committee	40.00
J. C. Hathaway, school committee	25.00
C. R. Burt, moderator	5.00
C. M. Norris, town clerk	62.50
G. I. Flint, treasurer	175.00
G. I. Flint, tax collector	177.50
E. A. Montague, auditor	10.00
M. M. Clapp, meat inspector	39.00
Gertrude E. Flint, typing reports	4.00
Hampshire Co. Selectmen's Assn. dues	6.00
Mass. Soldier's Relief Assn. dues	2.00
Assessors' Association dues	3.00
R. S. Bridgman, tax collector	100.00
Gertrude E. Flint, registration	4.00

Mrs. Daniel Crowley, election officer	6.50
Grace Williams, election officer	3.50
Gertrude E. Flint, election officer	7.50
	————— \$ 1,053.49

## PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

Harlow & Fennessey, record book	\$ 3.00
Harlow & Fennessey, tax collector's supplies	1.85
Robinson Seal Co.	2.60
Robinson Seal Co., priority stamp	1.83
Hobbs & Warren, Inc. collector's and assessors' supplies	42.26
George R. Barnstead & Son, assessors' supplies	1.00
W. E. Londergan, town reports	48.00
Broadway Office Supply, safe and equipment	35.00
Leo Murphy, stamped envelopes for treasurer	10.98
Gertrude E. Flint, stamped envelopes for O. A. A.	13.50
C. M. Norris, postage	1.30
W. M. Fiske, postage	3.00
R. S. Bridgman, postage	12.00
	————— \$ 176.32

## HIGHWAYS

### CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE — PAYROLL

F. W. Blakesley	\$ 183.30
Arthur Church	130.50
John Tylczak	133.50
Clifford Payson	4.00
George Payson	83.50
Charles Stickney	4.00
W. M. Fiske	12.00



C. M. Norris	12.00
Ralph Payson	4.50
Allan Strong	88.50
Arthur E. Witherell	112.00
Henry Parsons	91.00
Clifford Graves	177.00
F. W. Streeter	54.00
Machinery Account	63.60
Howard Blakesley	23.13
Stanley Bartlett	19.50
Harland Lemery	3.00
Walter Witherell, Jr.	20.00
George Munson	75.25
Merrill Witherell	8.00
Donald Blakesley	8.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,310.28

#### CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE — MATERIAL

F. W. Blakesley	\$ 15.40
American Tar Co.	753.10
Federal Land Bank	6.00
Norfolk Prison Colony	249.60
	<hr/> \$ 1,024.10

#### CHAPTER 90 — PAYROLL

F. W. Blakesley	\$ 96.75
Howard Blakesley	116.00
Arthur Church	66.00
James Hickey	60.50
John Tylczak	40.00
A. E. Witherell	189.00
Clifford Graves	139.50
W. M. Fiske	119.00
F. W. Streeter	488.00
C. M. Norris	18.00
George Munson	148.75



Machinery Account	156.00	
Charles Blakesley, Jr.	24.00	
A. E. Delisle, Jr.	58.50	
Clarence Delisle	56.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,776.00

#### CHAPTER 90 — MATERIAL

New England Metal Culvert Co.	\$ 181.70	
John Hathaway, gravel	47.90	
Federal Land Bank	275.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 505.50

#### CHAPTER 81 — PAYROLL

F. W. Blakesley	\$ 833.30
Howard Blakesley	647.10
Arthur Church	593.80
Clifford Payson	110.10
Richard Williams	.90
Walter Witherell	.90
Allan Strong	187.50
C. R. Burt	7.20
A. E. Dodge	3.60
James Hickey	148.60
W. M. Fiske	70.50
C. M. Norris	63.00
Machinery Account	1,020.45
A. E. Delisle, Jr.	36.00
John Tylczak	328.00
George Payson	244.00
Fred Bishop	12.00
V. E. Mitchell & Son	40.00
A. E. Witherell	521.50
Clifford Graves	224.25
F. W. Streeter	821.00
George Munson	87.00
Clarence Delisle	77.00
Charles Blakesley, Jr.	18.00

Henry Parsons	126.00
William Brakey	66.00
Stanley Bartlett	18.00
Walter Witherell, Jr.	6.00
Merrill Witherell	6.00
	<hr/> \$ 6,333.80

#### CHAPTER 81 — MATERIAL

Federal Land Bank	\$ 121.20
Sylvanus Damon	4.60
Mrs. Bessie Benson	3.00
A. E. Dodge	3.60
New England Metal Culvert Co.	351.41
F. W. Blakesley	35.30
American Tar Co.	519.52
Foster-Farrar Co.	19.00
William Howard	113.90
Moulton Asphalt Service	67.78
Ernest Witherell	7.60
Mrs. Ada Williams	8.30
Mrs. Clara Blakesley	2.70
	<hr/> \$ 1,257.91

#### ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Redden-Sanderson Inc.	\$ 18.00
J Russell & Co.	50.68
F. N. Graves & Son	31.40
Howard Blakesley	15.00
Fritz Backer	9.85
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	280.59
Taconic Lumber Co.	8.50
Foster-Farrar Co.	5.48
Orcutt Works	8.25
Warren D. Sampson	87.00
Hector Arel Co.	170.87
Monty's Service Station	8.25
C. R. Burt	6.00

F. W. Blakesley	10.50	
A. M. Condon	17.75	
Cernak Motor Sales	10.00	
Plumb Auto Supply	10.87	
O. B. Parks Co.	3.85	
Boston & Maine R. R.	.91	
A. E. Witherell	6.00	
Cernak Service Station	37.05	
	<hr/>	\$ 796.80

#### TRUCK ACCOUNT

Redden-Sanderson, Inc., truck	\$ 490.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 490.00

#### SNOW REMOVAL, SANDING AND ROAD WORK

F. W. Blakesley	\$ 201.90	
Howard Blakesley	43.01	
C. M. Norris	17.25	
Mrs. Bessie Benson	3.40	
Richard Tracy	33.60	
Arthur Church	84.98	
W. M. Fiske	56.35	
A. E. Witherell	447.50	
C. R. Burt	28.20	
Allan Strong	49.70	
James Hickey	6.00	
George Payson	36.00	
John Tylczak	8.00	
Walter Witherell	10.50	
Bisbee Bros.	30.00	
Clifford Payson	13.00	
Charles Blakesley	8.00	
Frank Hathaway	7.00	
Merrill Witherell	7.50	
Walter Witherell, Jr.	7.50	
Webster Judd	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,101.89

### BRIDGES and RAILINGS

F. W. Blakesley	\$63.40	
Howard Blakesley	13.50	
C. R. Burt	31.00	
James Hickey	4.00	
Harland Lemery	2.00	
George Payson	8.00	
A. E. Witherell	69.00	
A. E. Delisle, Jr.	25.00	
Arthur Church	23.20	
Allan Strong	18.00	
Ralph Payson	2.00	
John Tylczak	4.00	
Clifford Graves	14.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 277.10

### EGYPT HILL BRIDGE

Sam Failla	\$ 2,059.37	
	<hr/>	\$2,059.37

### GYPSY MOTH

F. W. Blakesley	\$ 59.80	
Allan Strong	48.00	
Arthur Church	48.00	
Clifford Payson	44.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 199.80

### PUBLIC WELFARE

Case No. 30	\$ 31.57	
Case No. 39	50.00	
Case No. 40	170.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 251.72

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Case No. 1	\$ 300.00	
Case No. 3	418.10	
Case No. 4	460.00	
Case No. 14	452.00	
Case No. 16	340.00	
Case No. 17	300.00	
Case No. 18	432.00	
Case No. 21	320.00	
Case No. 23	440.00	
Case No. 24	320.00	
Case No. 25	389.50	
Case No. 26	256.00	
Case No. 28	501.00	
Case No. 29	240.00	
Case No. 30	390.00	
Case No. 31	112.00	
City of Northampton	100.50	
City of North Adams	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,811.10

### OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

Gertrude E. Flint, salary and supplies	\$88.23	
	<hr/>	\$ 88.23

### LIBRARY

New England Tel & Tel Co.	\$ 22.03	
Enoch Perkins fuel	33.00	
H. R. Huntting Co. books	56.92	
Marion Masho salary	76.64	
	<hr/>	\$ 188.59



### CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Kenneth W. Sherk	\$	20.00	
C. R. Burt		7.57	
Lawrence Rhoades		10.90	
New England Tel & Tel Co.		11.95	
R. H. Tracy		18.00	
Mrs. Albert E. Delisle		20.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 88.42

### FIRE EQUIPMENT

American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	\$	96.75	
Charles J. Dickinson		2.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 98.75

### TOWN HALL

Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$	8.55	
A. E. Delisle Jr.		6.00	
G. H. Knight		28.40	
James R. Clapp		3.87	
Howard F. Williams		9.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 55.82

### CONTINGENT FUND

Boston Council of Social Agencies	\$	3.00	
Surplus Commodities Sponsor's Fund		22.17	
R. A. Warner, transfer of deeds		4.60	
City of Northampton, state commodity warehouse		14.37	
Howard Sargent, wild cat bounty		10.00	
New England Tel & Tel Co. telephone extension		2.40	
Westhampton Water Co., cemetery		5.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 61.54



### INTEREST, INSURANCE and BONDS

George A. Pease, insurance	\$	373.26	
Sanders' Insurance Agency, bonds		35.00	
E. Ray Ashley, truck insurance		30.80	
Roscoe K. Noble,			
projector and screen insurance		6.53	\$ 445.59
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### MEMORIAL DAY

Easthampton Public Market	\$	14.37	
H. & J. Bergmann		3.06	
C. R. Burt		2.54	
W. M. Fiske		4.00	\$ 23.97
		<hr/>	\$ 23.97

### WELL CHILD CLINIC

Claire C. Manwell, M. D.	\$	37.50	
Mabel C. Bridgman, R. N.		10.00	\$ 47.50
		<hr/>	\$ 47.50

### DIPHTHERIA CLINIC

Mabel C. Bridgman, R. N.	\$	25.00	\$ 25.00
		<hr/>	\$ 25.00

### TRUST FUNDS

Thayer — Philip Clapp, parish treas.	\$	10.05	
Thayer — R. S. Bridgman, tax coll.		10.05	
Street & Wright			
Frances P. Loud, treas.		47.84	
Cemetery — Mrs. F. W. Judd, treas.		72.10	
Northampton Institution for Savings			
Emma T. Damon Fund		100.00	\$ 240.04
		<hr/>	\$ 240.04

### TAXES

County Treasurer	county tax	\$ 620.82	
State Treasurer	state tax	900.00	
State Treasurer	parks and reservations	14.78	
State Treasurer	auditing municipal accounts	84.68	\$1,620.28
		<hr/>	\$1,620.28

### DOG LICENSES

County Treasurer	\$ 124.20	\$ 124.20
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### RECAPITULATION

Town Officers	\$1,053.49
Printing & Supplies	176.32
Chapter 90 maintenance - payroll	1,310.28
Chapter 90 maintenance - material	1,024.10
Chapter 81 - payroll	6,333.80
Chapter 81 - material	1,257.91
Chapter 90 - payroll	1,776.00
Chapter 90 - material	505.50
Road Machinery	796.80
Truck account	490.00
Snow removal, sanding, road work	1,101.89
Bridges & railings	277.10
Egypt Hill Bridge	2,059.37
Gypsy moth	199.80
Public welfare	251.72
Old age assistance	5,811.10
Old age administration	88.23
Library	188.59
Civilian Defense	88.42
Fire equipment	98.75
Town Hall	55.82
Contingent fund	61.54

Interest, insurance and bonds	445.59	
Memorial Day	23.97	
Well child clinic	47.50	
Diphtheria clinic	25.00	
Trust funds	240.04	
Taxes	1,620.28	
Dog licenses	124.20	
	<hr/>	\$27,533.11

#### LIST OF NAMES IN THE JURY BOX

J. C. Williams	Mill Hand
John Ledoux	Electrician
A. Lyman Snow, Jr.	Farmer
Maurice Scott	Truck Driver
Howard Blakesley	Laborer
Henry P. Bridgman	Farmer

#### JURMEN WHO SERVED IN 1942

Orville J. Flint	Grand Juror
John C. Hathaway	Traverse Juror
Albert E. Delisle, Jr.	Traverse Juror

WILLIAM M. FISKE,  
FRANK W. BLAKESLEY,  
CHARLES R. BURT,

Selectmen.

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Westhampton, Mass., December 31, 1942.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct, orders having been drawn to the amount of twenty-seven thousand five hundred thirty-three dollars and eleven cents (\$27,533.11), for which vouchers are on file.

EDWARD A. MONAGUE,

Auditor.

BUDGET RECOMMENDED FOR 1943.

Schools	\$12,900.00
Highways Chapter 81	690.00
Highways Chapter 90 maintenance	800.00
Bridges and railings	1,500.00
Town officers	1,100.00
Old age assistance	3,500.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, pre-school clinic	60.00
Interest, insurance and bonds	500.00
Town Hall	100.00
Gypsy moth	175.00
Printing and supplies	200.00
Library, and dog fund	115.00
Memorial Day	30.00
Contingent fund	100.00
Reserve fund	600.00
Snow removal, sanding and emergency road work	1,200.00
Soldiers' relief	200.00
Rabies vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria clinic	50.00
Civilian defense	200.00
Public Welfare	500.00
Fire patrol	100.00
Fire equipment	100.00
Cemetery	200.00
Road Machinery account	796.80

# REPORT OF THE

## Board of Assessors

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### APPROPRIATIONS AT TOWN MEETING IN 1942

	Raise and appropriate
Schools	\$12,370.00
Highways Chapter 81	690.00
Highways Chapter 90 maintenance	800.00
Board of Health	50.00
Pre-school clinic	60.00
Interest, insurance and bonds	600.00
Town Hall	125.00
Gypsy moth	190.00
Printing and supplies	175.00
Library, dog fund and	100.00
Memorial Day	30.00
Contingent fund	100.00
Reserve fund	600.00
Snow removal, sanding and emergency	
road work	1,200.00
Soldiers' relief	200.00
Rabies vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria clinic	50.00
Civilian Defense	200.00
Public wefare	400.00
Fire patrol	100.00
Fire equipment	100.00
From balance in Treasury in 1942	
Old age assistance	3,500.00
Bridges and railings	1,200.00
Town officers	1,100.00
Road machinery account	854.27
State tax	900.00



County tax	620.82
Overlay	431.09

From balance in Treasury in 1941

Road sander	330.00
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From road machinery account in 1941

Snow plow	300.00
Deficits due to abatements	
in excess to overlay	14.00
State parks and reservations	14.78
State Audit of Municipal accounts	84.68
	<u>          </u> \$27,539.64

Estimated receipts and available funds	17,481.07
Net amount raised on polls and property	10,058.57
	<u>          </u> \$27,539.64

Personal valuation	115,142.00
Real estate valuation	312,090.00
	<u>          </u> \$ 427,232.00

Tax on personal property	2,648.26
Tax on real estate	7,178.07
Tax on polls	232.00
Gain on account of fractions	.24
	<u>          </u> 10,058.57



Tax rate	23.00
Motor vehicle excise tax	900.24
Exemptions on poll tax	26.00
Exemptions on real estate tax	129.95
Abatements on poll tax	4.00
Abatement on real estate tax	8.30
Abatement on excise tax	47.00

FROM THE TABLE OF AGGREGATES

	Horses	Cows	Sheep	Neat Cattle	Swine	Fowls	Dwellings
1940	60	286	25	188	22	5894	162
1941	55	279	19	181	13	4859	167
1942	55	255	18	167	18	6097	178

RICHARD H. TRACY,

CHARLE R. BURT,

JOHN C. HATHAWAY,

Assessors.

REPORT OF THE  
**Memorial Library**

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RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	\$100.00	
Dog tax refund	88.59	
	<hr/>	\$ 188.59

EXPENDITURES

Enoch Perkins, Wood	\$ 33.00	
H. R. Huntting, books	56.92	
Librarian's salary	76.64	
Telephone	22.03	
	<hr/>	\$ 188.59

RECEIPTS

Easthampton Savings Bank		
Balance January 1, 1942		\$821.34
Bank Interest		105.95
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		\$927.29

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	\$ 9.00	
Janitor, G. H. Knight	25.00	
Care of lawn, G. H. Knight	5.00	
H. R. Huntting, books	1.85	
Bulbs	.60	
Magazines, E. E. Grant	32.00	
Librarian's salary	23.36	
	<hr/>	\$ 96.81
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Balance January 1, 1943		\$ 830.48

79 books were purchased, 3 gifts were received and 107 books were given for the Victory Book Campaign for Army camps. (93 Fiction, 14 non-fiction).

Circulation	Books borrowed from Bookmobile
971 Fiction	149 Fiction
264 Non fiction	111 Non fiction
566 Juvenile	137 Juvenile fiction
574 Magazines	77 Juvenile Non Fiction

It was voted in October not to have the library open on Friday afternoon or evening except when there is a public gathering at the church or hall.

EDWARD H. MONTAGUE,  
JULIA E. MONTAGUE,  
ELIZABETH PERKINS,  
LENA RICHARD,  
GERTRUDE FLINT,  
HERBERT MASCHO,

WHITMORE E. BEARDSLEY,  
Board of trustees.

# REPORT OF THE

## School Committee

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Appropriated at town meeting	\$12,370.00	
Expended	12,349.34	
Unexpended		\$20.66

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### EXPENSES

#### Teachers:

James Miller	\$1,216.00	
Miss Elizabeth Hayden	453.00	
Miss Madalyn Wolfson	345.40	
Miss Rachel Bridgman	885.00	
Mrs. Marion Mascho	134.00	
Mrs. Louise Parsons	4.00	
Everett Sittard	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,137.40

#### Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund:

Mr. Miller	\$ 64.00	
Miss Hayden	27.00	
Miss Wolfson	18.60	
Miss Bridgman	47.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 156.60

#### Administration:

Charles Mitchell, salary and expenses	\$ 282.75	
Mary Parsons, typing contracts	1.00	
Telephone	.45	
Mrs. Louise Parsons, census	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 294.20

Local Transportation:

Charles Blakesley	\$ 1,170.00	
Walter Witherell	845.50	
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Books	\$ 150.66	
Supplies	277.20	
Janitors and cleaning	67.30	
Fuel	426.91	
Operating expenses	88.14	
Repairs and replacements	91.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,101.46

Health:

Claire C. Manwell, M. D.	\$ 100.00	
Mabel C. Bridgman, R. N.	100.00	
Supplies	2.86	
	<hr/>	\$ 202.86

Equipment	\$ 189.71	
Miscellaneous	7.87	
Total cost of elementary schools	\$ 7,105.60	

High School pupils, tuition

Russell Bass	\$ 109.15
Doris Blakesley	109.15
Grant Bridgman	109.15
Francis Bridgman	115.00
David Clapp	115.00
Elizabeth Fiske	115.00
Eunice Hathaway	106.20
Marilyn Mascho	115.00
Edward Montague	73.75
Joyce Montague	109.15
Philip Norris	109.15
Freeman Scott	103.25
Thelma Scott	103.25

Jessie Snow	115.00	
Mary Stickney	109.15	
Mary Witherell	103.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,719.60

Smith School pupils, tuition

Leroy Bass	\$ 130.00	
Everett Blakesley	126.58	
Howard Clapp	75.28	
Murray Clapp	130.00	
Lewis Dodge	24.39	
Elizabeth Fiske	54.72	
Thomas Kelly	23.94	
Harold Landry	30.78	
Frank Montague	130.00	
Mahlon Parsons	108.32	
John Sarafin	121.87	
Theodore Sarafin	116.28	
Merrill Witherell	35.23	
Walter Witherell, Jr.	121.31	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,224.74

Chesterfield

Mary Dodge, tuition	\$ 45.00
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High School and Smith School transportation	\$2,196.00	\$ 2,196.00
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Bus matron	20.00	20.00
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Transportation of Lewis Dodge	38.40	38.40
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5,243.74

Total cost of schools	\$12,349.34
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REIMBURSEMENTS

Mass. School Fund, Part I	\$ 510.00	
Mass. School Fund, Part II	2,448.89	
Vocational education	1,050.21	
Superintendent in small towns	124.20	
High School tuition	1,719.60	
High School transportation	1,272.07	\$ 7,124.97
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Total cost to Westhampton		\$ 5,224.37
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JOHN HATHAWAY,

HOWARD LOUD,

LOUISE PARSONS,

School committee.

# REPORT OF THE Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee:

## FINANCES

We spent \$12,349.73 during the past financial year to continue the education of 95 pupils including those at Smith School. In the school year ending 1942, 67 pupils had been enrolled in our elementary school, 12 at Smith School, and 16 at Northampton High School.

The town has received reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts amounting to \$7,124.97, which leaves a net cost to our taxpayers of \$5,224.37. We continue to pay less from local taxation for the education of our boys and girls than most towns in the state. With the aid of additional money from the state we have to spend more per pupil than the average town since we have an unusually high cost per pupil for transportation. According to the Annual Report of the Department of Education for the school year ending June 30, 1941, Westhampton is rated as the 262nd town in a list of 351 towns and cities in their valuation of 1940 per pupil in net average membership, and in our per capita cost for support of public schools we have a state rank of 34. The average cost in the state of Massachusetts to educate a pupil is \$107.64 while in Westhampton it cost us \$157.54 per pupil in net average membership. This higher cost per pupil in Westhampton is due entirely to transportation since the state average for transportation per pupil is only \$2.96. In our town it was \$30.39 for the elementary pupil and \$94.24 per pupil in high school, making an average cost for us for this item alone of \$62.31. When you subtract this cost of transportation from our total cost

per pupil, you will find that we spent less on the education of each boy and girl than the average town or city, not including transportation. It is well to keep in mind that this high per-pupil cost is not paid by the local taxpayer but largely from state reimbursement. From local taxation we spent a small amount for the education of each boy and girl which places us in the state rank of 282nd town in 351 towns and cities. With increasing costs for school transportation contractors, it seems improbable that there will be any decrease until after the war.

	Average Expenditures 1929-1941	1942 Expenditures	1943 Budget
Administration	\$ 273.25	\$ 294.20	\$ 290.00
Instruction			
Teachers' Salaries	2,724.63	3,294.00	3,710.00
Books	) 192.74)	150.66	100.00
Supplies	)	277.20	100.00
Maintenance			
Janitors' Salaries	)	67.30	200.00
	)		
Fuel	) 565.10)	426.91	300.00
Operating Expenses	)	88.14	90.00
	)		
Repairs & Replacements	)	91.25	100.00
General			
Health	178.23	202.86	300.00
Transportation			
High and Voc.	2,421.30	2,254.40	2,300.00
Elementary	1,931.44	2,015.50	2,115.00
Tuition — High	1,644.24	1,719.60	1,875.00
Elementary	87.11	45.00	45.00
Vocational	708.11	1,224.74	1,280.00
Miscellaneous	20.34	7.87	10.00
Outlay — Grounds & Buildings	38.20	—	—
Equipment	20.47	189.71	85.00
Totals	\$10,805.16	\$12,349.34	\$12,900.00

In the foregoing table Column I lists our average expenditure for the twelve-year period 1930 to 1941 inclusive. Our expenses for 1942 are in Column II, according to the bookkeeping system required by the state department of education; and our budget for 1943 is in Column III. It is difficult to plan a budget for the coming year with the uncertainty of the heating situation, the cost of changing our heating system from oil to either coal or wood, and the necessary increase in janitor salary from such a change.

### STAFF

Miss Elizabeth Hayden resigned before the opening of school in September to enter Girl Scout work in the West. Madalyn R. Wolfson, a graduate of the State Teachers College in Fitchburg in 1939, and with one year's experience in the Chicopee public schools was employed to take Miss Hayden's place as teacher of grades 3, 4, and 5.

We should increase the salaries of our teachers in 1943 since the cost of living has increased and prevailing wages in surrounding communities have been raised. The National Education Association says that "Any salary below \$1200 for teachers is substandard and should be corrected now by state or federal legislation if necessary. When the government starts an inexperienced stenographer out of high school at \$1440, the modest sum of \$1200 is too little rather than too much to ask as a minimum for teachers."



### ATTENDANCE

The attendance figures for the school year ending in June, 1942, are as follows:

	Whole No. Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance
Center School			
James Miller			
6, 7, 8	20	18.57	16.44
Elizabeth Hayden			
3, 4, 5,	29	22.15	18.47
Rachel Bridgman			
1, 2	18	13.95	11.62
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Totals	67	54.67	46.53

### TESTS AND REPORTS

We continue to "teach the whole child," providing material for growth depending upon the difference of our pupils. To assist us each child has standardized measurements of ability and achievement. With these objective and reliable measures of individual differences and accomplishment, our teachers instruct pupils according to the ability of the child and the level of his learning. Parents are cordially invited to visit the classroom or teachers at any time to see the results of these objective measures of accomplishment and to cooperate with the teachers for the necessary educational and vocational guidance of their children.

The new report cards used in 1941, similar to those used in our state teacher training schools were revised in September as a result of suggestions made by parents and teachers on the questionnaires returned in the month of June. A majority of parents voted approval of the new reports and made some excellent suggestions for their improvement. Parents will be given another opportunity to vote on these reports next spring.



## CURRICULUM

Our schools face an increasing problem in education. Not only do we have the interruptions caused by the need of teacher assistance in rationing, and increasing demands from the federal government for changes in our curriculum, but also the changing outlook of our pupils as every home, and every individual is affected emotionally, physically, and spiritually by the war. Our New England Association of School Administrators in November decided that the policy of our schools must be determined in the light of the following facts:

- (1) Every able-bodied high school boy is destined for service in the armed forces;
- (2) There are labor shortages in industry and agriculture that will draw large numbers of boys and girls from high school and demand the part-time service of many others;
- (3) The correction of educational deficiencies revealed by the draft and the preparation of aliens for naturalization are the unique duty of the schools;
- (4) Every phase of the war effort--selective service, rationing, price control, war financing, industrial production—depends for its success upon an enlightened citizenry."

Since the senior high school curriculum is being changed to prepare our boys for strenuous life in the armed forces and for both boys and girls in industry and agriculture, we should make corresponding changes in the elementary program. Our United States Department of Education is rather insistent that we do not carry on the same kind of education in 1943 that we have had in the past. "Education as usual is as obsolete as business as usual. During the crisis the American school must continue to be an integral part of the machinery of war, a

center of training and community service, a source of information and inspiration, a basis for building a sound morale and a noble peace. There shall be one test for all our thinking and planning, all our policy and program: Will it help to win the war?"

### CONCLUSION

I assure the committee that our teachers are doing excellent work, that our school is maintaining a high standard insofar as it is possible with the limitations of war conditions both in the homes and in school. I want to thank the members of the committee, teachers, parents, and pupils for their active cooperation in educating our boys and girls. We have made some improvements in the past year. We can make still more advances in the coming year if we continue to work together with the same spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. MITCHELL

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE  
**School Nurse**

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To Mr. Charles Mitchell  
Superintendent of Schools  
Westhampton, Mass.

I present herewith my report of the Health of the School Children for the year 1942:

The spring of 1942 gave us an epidemic of communicable diseases, thirty-three cases were reported among the school children;

- 6 cases of Measles
- 17 cases of Mumps
- 10 cases of Whooping Cough

As these cases were spread over the first five month of the school year, the routine work was seriously interrupted.

The Dental Clinic was held in May. Examinations showed 197 operations needed:

- 138 Fillings
- 31 Extractions
- 28 Cleanings

Work done was as follows:

- 53 Fillings
- 5 Extractions
- 16 Cleanings

Showing about 32% of the work done.

Audiometer Test was done in the spring, no serious hearing defects noted.

September 1942, the annual Medical Examinations given by Dr. Manwell, 59 pupils examined. The following defects were found:

Nutrition 10  
Posture 8  
Organic Defects 2  
Nose, Throat, Glands 48  
Feet and Spine 4  
Speech 2

The new Health report cards were issued this fall. Only Remedial Defects are noted on these cards. Teeth form the largest number of defects. Defects of the throat and glands occur frequently with diseased teeth. If the teeth were cared for these might be eliminated. The organization of our own Dental Clinic and the splendid response we have had to this work, will we hope, make for healthier children in the school.

The routine work has been carried on as usual.

MABEL CRAIG BRIDGMAN, R. N.

School Nurse

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## REPORT OF THE WESTHAMPTON DENAL CLINIC

For a long time it has been our ambition to have our own dental clinic. The most important reason was that children need more than once a year dental care. It seemed like a very ambitious program for a small community. However, this year we were able to find a dentist who was willing to undertake the project.

September 18, 1942, Dr. Ross, Mr. Mitchell and the school committee met to discuss the project. Dr. Ross was engaged for the year and we consider ourselves fortunate to be able to find a man so well trained in children's



dentistry. The school committee voted \$35.00 of their funds for equipment, the Mother's Club gave \$25.00 and the Hobby Club \$10.00, making a total of \$70.00. Dr. Ross obtained, after considerable shopping around, a regular dental chair, a good light, foot drill and various small supplies.

A committee was formed, one each from the contributing organizations, Mrs. Louise Parsons from the school committee, Mrs. Howard Loud, chairman, from the Mother's Club, and Mrs. Edward A. Montague, secretary-treasurer, from the Hobby Club. The duties of this committee were to outline and control the policies of the organization.

It was voted to charge sixty cents per operation for all pre-school, school and high school pupils. Voted also that adults could have the advantages of the clinic as patients of Dr. Ross, the charges for such cases to be fixed by him. Voted to ask permission to use the school for adults, provided it did not entail extra heat and light.

September 30th and October 1st all school children were examined with the following results.

dental defects	165
fillings	142
cleanings	10
extractions	13

October 18th six high school pupils were examined at Dr. Ross' office. Three needed no work done and there were seven defects among the other three. Six pre-school children were examined and only two needed work done.

In October questionnaires were sent to all parents to find out how many intended using the clinic, and a large proportion signified their desire to use the clinic for themselves and their children. Bad weather and delay in obtaining the equipment has delayed our work to a considerable extent, but we are now ready. Thirty-five defects have been corrected on ten children.



We hope to make the clinic self supporting when we have obtained the equipment necessary for such a project. At the present time Dr. Ross is using his own instruments and pieces of small equipment. We hope some way may be provided whereby we may purchase what is needed.

In behalf of the committee I earnestly beg your support and cooperation in this project which has been so urgently needed for a long time.

MABEL CRAIG BRIDGMAN, R. N.

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### WELL CHILD CLINIC

To The Board of Health

Westhampton, Mass.

I present herewith the combined reports of the Well Child Conference and the Diphtheria Immunization and Vaccination clinics:

The Well Child Conference was held June 17th and 18th, a day and a half. The volunteer committee consisted of Mrs. Marion Hathaway, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Webster Judd, Mrs. Louise Parsons, Miss Hurlighy from the State Board of Health acted as registrar for the first day and her place was ably filled the second day by Mrs. Webster Judd. In the Nutrition Clinic Miss Pet-tee was not able to be with us but her place was ably filled on the 17th by Mrs. Thease and on the 18th by Miss Foley. Dr. Claire Manwell did the physical and dental examinations.

A total of 31 children with their parents were present, 21 the first day and 10 the second day. Of these

8 entered school,  
16 were repeat cases, and  
10 were new cases  
12 needed dental attention

The Toxoid and Vaccination Clinic was held on  
July 7th and August 11th.

July	7th	Vaccinated	8
"		Toxoids given	12
"		Schick Tests given	10

Aug. 11th Toxoids given 12

" Schick Tests read 10

MABEL CRAIG BRIDGMAN, R.N.

# Articles of the Town Warrant

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TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1943

Ten A. M.—Prompt

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Article 3. To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Article 4. To choose all necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of highways in charge of the Selectmen.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen to appoint one of its members to act as Superintendent of Streets, and fix the salary to comply with Section 4A Chapter 41, General Laws.

Article 7. To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officers be fixed by vote of the Town.

Article 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 10. To take action in regard to the collection of taxes.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1942, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

(Other articles may appear in the posted warrant.)













